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March 10, 2016

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representatives
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Pingree:

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The Honorable Cedric L. Richmond
U.S. House of Representatives
240 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Richmond:

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U.S. House of Representatives
1508 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Rice:

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The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
2354 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rangel:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2458 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2204 Rayburn House Office Building
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1122 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1410 Longworth House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
103 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
2370 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1330 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler
U.S. House of Representatives
2109 Rayburn House Office Building
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403 Cannon House Office Building
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208 Cannon House Office Building
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